



Grants Now Available for Water Treatment Efficiency Upgrades

Program Makes \$100,000 Grants Available to Upgrade Municipal Water Plant Pumps, Motors

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(Indianapolis)--- Lt. Governor Becky Skillman has announced a program that gives Municipal water treatment facilities in Indiana access to grants to improve the energy efficiency of pumps and motors in these facilities. The Energy Efficiency for Water Treatment (EEWT) grant program offers grants up to \$100,000 for replacement of water treatment pumps and motors. Applicants for the program must provide a 50 percent cost match.

The EEWT grant program is available to government-owned water treatment facilities in Indiana. The amount of each grant will range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. A total of \$340,000 is available for this program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program and administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED). Lt. Governor Skillman oversees OED.

"The energy savings that can be realized by replacing pumps and motors in a water treatment facility are significant", said Lt. Governor Skillman. "With this grant it's possible for the local match to pay for itself in just two years."

While the program focuses on the replacement of water treatment facilities pumps and motors, projects that utilize other technologies for reducing energy usage in a water treatment facility will be considered. Regardless of the technology employed, the project must show demonstrable energy efficiency improvements. Technologies that include waste recovery are eligible but will require additional environment related paperwork to be approved.

The application period is now open. Grant Guidelines and application forms will be available at www.Energy.IN.gov. Applications must be received by OED by October 29, 2010. Successful applicants of the competitive grant process will be informed in November, 2010.

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